



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mrs. Anne S. Hill
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Anne S. Hill
Carl E. Moore

Staff, Commission Services

Lee Millen
Jimmy Prieto
Andrew Sevrin
Sandra Barbee
George Britton

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2009, were approved as submitted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montañó reported on the following newspaper articles:

"First Black Women on Police Panel," Los Angeles Times, September 25, 2009, regarding the passing of Marguerite P. Justice who was the first black woman to serve on the Los Angeles Police Commission in 1971.

“Board Votes to Get Rid of 5 Commissions,” Daily Breeze, September 30, 2009, regarding Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors’ vote to eliminate five Commissions and consolidate others to help taxpayers save \$1.5 million.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1501.93.

STAFF REPORT

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services, reported that the Chief Executive Office has recommended to disband (3) three commissions that are currently staffed by the Commission Services Division.

She further added that effective October 1, 2009, the Commission Services Division will provide staff support to the Commission for Children and Families. Therefore, the Sybil Brand Commission will be staffed by a new team within the Division.

Lee Millen, Commission Staff, invited the Commission to the following events:

- 18th Annual Access Awards Luncheon, on October 19, 2009, at the Kyoto Grand Hotel & Gardens in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Commission on Disabilities.
- 11th Anniversary “LA County Run for Health,” on October 31, 2009, at Dockweiler Beach, Playa Del Rey, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Commission for Women.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORTS

There was none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

Positive Path Youth Development Center – 39, #3 No report on file (Verbal) – Commissioner Montañó

The facility was visited on September 21, 2009, unable to inspect, no one was home.

Los Angeles Metropolitan Courthouse – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on September 24, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: First-Aid kits needed in lock-up floors.

Optimist Boys Home – 33, #1 – Commissioner Bigby and Hill

The facility was visited on September 24, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Beverly Hills Courthouse – Commissioner Moore

The facility was visited on September 29, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Challenger Memorial Youth Center (CMYC)

(CMYC) Camp Judith Resnik and Camp Francis Scobee – Commissioners Bigby, Hall, Hammargren and Montañó

The facilities were visited on September 29, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Food menu should be more enticing for youth. The Commission suggested a letter be sent to Robert Taylor, Chief Probation Officer, regarding menus being replaced with inviting nutritionally approved meals.

(Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.)

(CMYC) Camp Ellison Onizuka – Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The Facility was visited on September 29, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: No turnout gear on site.

(CMYC) Camp Gregory Jarvis – Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on September 29, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Staffing levels inadequate.

(CMYC) Camp Ronald McNair – Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on September 29, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Staffing levels inadequate.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moore announced that he will not be attending Sybil Brand weekly meetings due to insurance issues. However, he will continue to attend monthly business meetings as needed.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

The Commission suggested discussion of the Annual Holiday Luncheon at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Bacio reported the following:

- He spoke to two potential candidates in a Probation school in Monterey Park regarding the Scholarship Program and provided them with applications.
- He plans to attend the Tuesday, October 9, 2009, Community Advisory Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m. in the memory of former Police Commissioner Marguerite P. Justice, the first black woman to serve the Los Angeles Police Commission in 1971, who passed away after a long illness on September 17, 2009, in Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Arana
Commission Services Division